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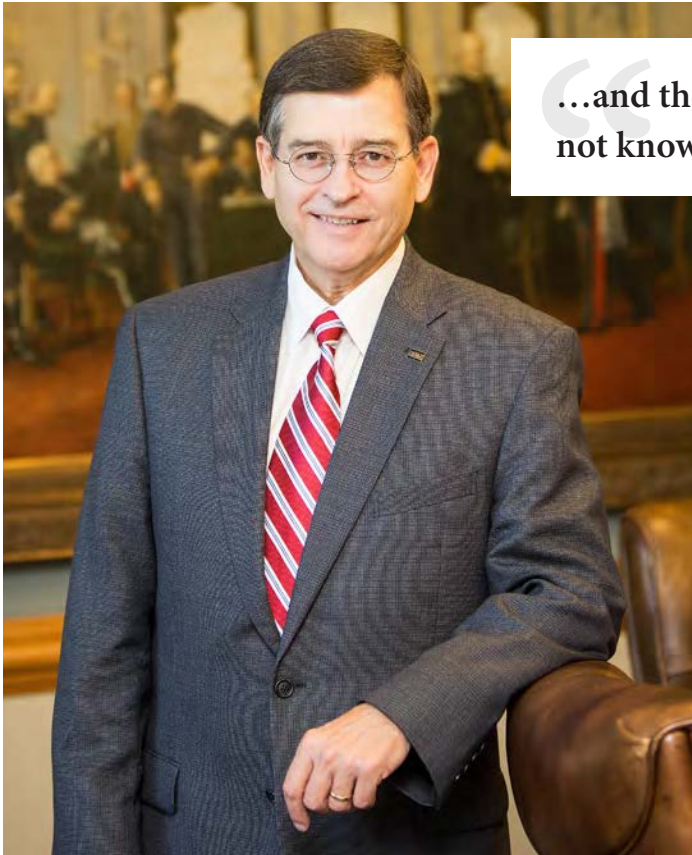
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



“...and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know. The soil produces crops by itself...”

Mark 4: 27-28 NASB

nized and accepted by other schools and by government agencies. SACSCOC is recognized as the most stringent of all the regional accreditors, and this report is a testimony to the work and competence of our accreditation team and all of our faculty and staff!

Two of those faculty members are featured in this edition: Drs. David Luther and Paul Boling, both of whom have decades of service to our students and our Lord at Bryan. Dr. Luther retired at the end of last semester, and both he and Sigrid Luther will long be cherished as those who developed a superb music program and nurtured the talent of scores of students. Both of them instilled into their students by both word and example a love for our Lord and a lifestyle of service to Him.

One highlight this semester will be the privilege of hearing the testimony of Luke Zamperini, son of WWII hero Louis Zamperini who recently passed away at the age of 97. Luke will be the featured speaker at our Bryan Opportunity Dinner fund-raiser to be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center on April 16. Recently heralded in book and film, POW Louis Zamperini gave his life to our Lord after the war and devoted his life to discipling many young men through a Christian camping ministry. His ministry of forgiveness for his captors and service to our Lord is a challenging story, and I hope you will join us for this special evening.

Only God knows how the seed grows, but I am thankful that Bryan is able to water and cultivate lives that God desires to use for His kingdom. Thank you for partnering with us through your prayers and gifts enabling us to live out our mission, Educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world.

Stephen D. Livesay

What a blessing we enjoy to be assured of God's faithfulness and to realize that an infinite God loves us and works all things for His and our good even though we do not know how He accomplishes it. In the parable of the farmer sowing seed, Jesus tells us that the farmer does not know how the seed sprouts and grows; he knows only that it brings forth fruit. As I reflect on our students, I know that our faculty and staff members sow many hours of nurturing and discipling into our students' lives while trusting God to bring about the men and women He desires to work in His Kingdom.

Our Lord granted us a wonderful report in December, reaffirming Bryan with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) accreditation for another ten years. I cannot begin to adequately express my appreciation to all of our community who were involved in our reaffirmation of accreditation efforts for the past several years. This is the highest accreditation possible for our college and ensures for our students that their credits and degrees are recog-



BRYAN COLLEGE'S ACCREDITATION RE-AFFIRMED IN DECEMBER 2014

Bryan College is pleased to announce the decision of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to reaffirm the institution's accreditation for the next 10 years with a request for a follow-up report on four items to be submitted in September 2015. The college was notified at the SACSCOC annual meeting in Nashville on December 8, 2014. This reaffirmation underscores that Bryan College is a financially stable, academically sound institution with the requisite faculty, administration, support staff, facilities, library resources, programs, and financial resources to fulfill its mission.

College president Dr. Stephen Livesay praised the entire

campus community for their multi-year effort to achieve this milestone in the school's history: "This reaffirmation is the result of the diligence and commitment of all our outstanding faculty and staff, led by Bryan's SACS leadership team."

Begun in 1930, Bryan College remains committed to its founding as a highly ranked Christian college with its distinctive motto of Christ Above All and a firm reliance on the Bible as the foundation for all of life and learning.

Bryan's mission of "educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world" continues as the purpose for all the programs and activities of Bryan.

Almost the entire faculty and staff of the college were involved, with about 10 very active faculty, staff, and administrative individuals on the Leadership Team



Each of these documents involved numerous writers and editors.

- **MARCH 2012**
Started the process of compiling and drafting necessary documents
- **JULY 2013**
Comprehensive Report
 - Addressed **92** SACSCOC standards
 - Contained **1640** hyperlinks
- **DECEMBER 2013**
Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Report
- **DECEMBER 2013**
Focused Report
 - Addressed **43** SACSCOC standards
 - Contained **1280** hyperlinks
- **JULY 2014**
Response Report
 - Addressed **28** SACSCOC standards
 - Contained **530** hyperlinks
- **DECEMBER 2014**
Bryan College reaffirmed by SACSCOC

Previous decennial
reaffirmation in 12/04

'04

Updates from the

BRYAN CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL

The Bryan Center for International Development (CID) has had an exciting and successful 2014-2015 year, providing both students and faculty with opportunities to serve and speak internationally. These unique experiences range from working partnerships with overseas universities to the development of new internships for students across a wide range of majors and interests. Take a look at some of the most recent happenings!

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN FILM SERIES

OLOMOUC, CZECH REPUBLIC

The CID developed a Bryan College International Christian Film Series at Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic, last spring -- a project that communications professors Michael Palmer and Dr. Randy Hollingsworth were directly involved with, travelling overseas to conduct the series.

“The past two years I have had the privilege and opportunity to travel to the Czech Republic and lecture at Palacky University. The first year I was a guest lecturer on communication studies and enjoyed the interaction with English-speaking Czech college students as I presented topics on nonverbal communication (specifically, how we often miscommunicate and ‘miss’ communicate regarding cultural cues) and principles of public relations. Last year, thanks to the kindness of the Maclellan Foundation, I was able to take with me a communication student, Bryan Alderman, who served as my teacher’s assistant. This round we led an ‘International

Film Exposition’ and showed three different films that had a redemptive theme interwoven in the storyline. We then debriefed about the gospel-related themes and had good conversations with the Czech students in a non-threatening context. One of the unexpected highlights of last year’s trip was being asked to play bluegrass gospel music at a local restaurant. It was almost surreal as we played for 2.5 hours, leading the locals in songs like ‘Daddy Sang Bass,’ ‘There Is Power In The Blood,’ and ‘I’ll Fly Away!’”

Dr. Randy Hollingsworth

DEVELOPMENT



RED CROSS INTERNSHIP, BRANCH BURGENLAND

JENNERSDORF, AUSTRIA

Partnering with the CID, the Austrian Red Cross created an internship that current seniors Jonathan Creasy (music performance and politics and government double-major) and Jacob Hawkins (history major) participated in over this past summer. Creasy's internship led to spin-off opportunity to translate the Austrian LSZ (Landessicherheitszentrale) website into English for the governmental webpage in December 2014.



“Overall, I enjoyed my time with the Austrian Red Cross and will certainly recommend this internship experience to other students. It provided me with valuable insight into Austrian emergency services and has encouraged me to investigate other volunteer services in the United States. I am honored to have worked with members of such a prestigious and successful organization.”

Jacob Hawkins, Senior



“My Austrian internship helped give me an international perspective on politics and spirituality, and was well worth the time and investment. I made lasting friends and connections that will benefit me for years to come.”

Jonathan Creasy, Senior

GET INVOLVED

THERE ARE SO MANY **MORE WAYS THAN MONEY** THAT YOU CAN GIVE TO BRYAN COLLEGE.

Here's how you can help.



GROUPS THAT NEED YOUR HELP

- Evening with Bryan dinners in your region
- Bryan Ambassadors (volunteer with special events)
- Homecoming event volunteers
- Spring Chorale tour
- Worldview Initiative (host a team at your school or church)

Visit bryan.edu/getinvolved to see how you can make a difference today.



TALENT

Be a mentor to alumni in your region

Career networking

- Review alumni resumes in your industry.
- Mock interview alumni in your field.
bryan.edu/mockinterview
- Give career advice to young alumni in your area.

Volunteering

Lead a Bryan alumni prayer time in your city.

Admissions

Represent Bryan at a fair or church.

TALENT

Bryan Week

Be a voice for Bryan College at your local church or school.

Pray for students and alumni. Participate in an alumni Bible study at your local church.

Be a volunteer in your region. Help organize special events.

- Athletics
- Academic
- Admissions
- Alumni gatherings

The cost of attending Bryan College in 2015:

Tuition:	\$22,200
Room & Board:	\$6,550
Books and Supplies:	\$1,250
Transportation:	\$990
Miscellaneous:	\$1,590

Develop an endowed scholarship.

Support the Bryan Scholarship Fund monthly: \$25-\$50-\$100.

bryan.edu/monthlydonor

Host visiting faculty / staff when they are in your region.

PRAY for funding of all of our scholarships.

Give to capital PROJECTS.
bryan.edu/vision2020-building

TREASURE

Contact DAVID HOLCOMB:
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bryan.edu/scholarship_fund

CAMPUSNEWS

OCTOBER 11



HOMECOMING CONCERT HONORS DR. DAVID LUTHER

A student and alumni choir in excess of 100 singers gave a special concert in honor of Dr. David Luther at the Homecoming 2014 celebration. The anthem, titled "Hail the Day that sees Him Rise," was written in Dr. Luther's honor by Dan Forrest, one of the professor's favorite composers, and commissioned by the alumni and friends of the music department.

OCTOBER 2014

OCTOBER 26

U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND PERFORMS AT BRYAN

OCTOBER 27

SOCCER PLAYER WINS \$10K IN TUITION



Roars of applause rocked Summers Gymnasium as the basketball Late Night Roar midnight madness event saw senior soccer player Gustavo Angel Tamayo win \$10k in tuition by successfully making a lay-up, a free throw, a 3-pointer, and a half-court shot, all within 30 seconds.

NOVEMBER

HOMECOMING '14 A ROARING SUCCESS

At Bryan College's Homecoming 2014 celebration, over 500 Bryan alumni and their families filled the campus with joyous reunion and sweet memories. Alumni met and mingled at the anticipated dinners, and the Paw Pounder races provided on-the-move fellowship.

Alumni Awards:

Alumnus of the Year – Eugene Bengston '65
Honorary Alumna of the Year – Darlene Bruehl '14
Young Alumni of the Year – Pete and Jenn Parks Schottleutner '05
Sports Hall of Fame – Danny Campbell '89 (soccer), Sarah Bass Henke '05 (basketball), and Liz Bass Edwards '05 (basketball)

OCTOBER 10-12

BOARD SELECTS NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR



The board of trustees of Bryan College unanimously selected Delana Bice '74 as its new chairperson. Stepping into the role of vice-chair is J. Wayne Cropp '74. Bryan College president Dr. Stephen Livesay said, "I'm excited to continue working closely with both of these accomplished individuals."

OCTOBER 24

THREE NAMED STAFF MEMBERS OF THE SUMMER



The award of Staff Member of the Summer for 2014 was presented to Charlene Fonseca (dual enrollment academic advisor), Andrew Smith '13 (admissions counselor), and Jeff Eenigenburg (Director

of Campus Worship). President Stephen D. Livesay expressed the college's deepest appreciation for and admiration of these individuals for "the great work [they] do day in and day out."

DECEMBER



CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITIES ONLINE RANKS BRYAN NO. 3 IN BEST VALUE



DECEMBER 4

DAYTON ROTARY CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



The Rotary Club of Dayton awarded scholarships to current Bryan College freshmen Kaitlyn Couch and Caleb Zimmerman at the Rotary luncheon on Bryan's campus. Dr. Livesay told the Dayton Rotary Club, "Without this kind of support from the community, we wouldn't be able to do what we do here. We are very, very grateful."

DECEMBER 5

DECEMBER 12

NEW INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATION MAJOR INTRODUCED

This new major prepares students to enter the workplace with an in-depth knowledge of business and communications. It was born out of a collaboration between Bryan's communication studies and business departments in response to major shifts in the marketing and advertising disciplines toward targeted digital and interactive media.

JANUARY



BRYAN COLLEGE'S ACCREDITATION RE-AFFIRMED



DECEMBER 12

BRYAN AWARDS 142 DEGREES AT FALL COMMENCEMENT

Bryan College graduated a total of 142 students from the School of Arts and Sciences and from the School of Adult and Graduate Studies (AGS) at the school's 89th commencement ceremony, witnessed by proud friends and family members.

DECEMBER 9

JANUARY 13

SECOND ANNUAL RHEA COUNTY EVENING WITH BRYAN KICKS OFF 2015



This event opened up another exciting and hopeful year for the Bryan Scholarship Fund as 110 attendees came, eager to use their time, talent, and treasure to provide a quality education for students. From 2013 to 2014 the Bryan Scholarship Fund has grown from \$461,007 to \$524,079 through a concerted effort to draw attention to the need for scholarships.

2015



FIRST-EVER STUDENT LEADERSHIP FAIR ATTRACTS CAMPUS ATTENTION



Several booths were set up on the second floor of the Latimer Student Center, representing the various student leadership groups at Bryan. Each table had handouts, photos, and displays for those interested, and student and staff participants in each group manned these booths, answering questions and giving helpful tips.

JANUARY 20

JANUARY 14

SPRING SEMESTER IN FULL SWING, MISSIONS CONFERENCE OPENS

JANUARY 23

RENOVATIONS REJUVENATE SUMMERS GYMNASIUM



From the beginning of the month Bryan College's Summers Gymnasium underwent significant aesthetic and practical changes that added new energy to the space, made possible by the generosity of donors. Athletic Director Taylor Hasty '06 said, "God has blessed us in so many ways and I am thankful for the kindness of the donors who have made this renovation possible."

FEBRUARY

STUDENTS GIVE BRYAN HIGH RATINGS ON NOEL-LEVITZ SURVEY

Results from a national survey indicate that Bryan College students are consistently more satisfied with their college experience than are their counterparts at other four-year private schools. "Bryan students have once again rated their satisfaction higher than peers at other private colleges on all 12 scales," stated Vice President of Finance and Enrollment Rick Taphorn.

JANUARY 21

BASEBALL SWEEPS OPENING WEEKEND



For the first time in recent Bryan baseball history, the Lions hosted an opening weekend series in January. Despite the overcast skies and windy weather, the crowds were out to see Bryan take on the Screaming Eagles of Toccoa Falls. The Lions were victorious, winning 3-1 and 6-3, respectively, in the games.

FEBRUARY 2

MARCH 31



ONLINE MACS PROGRAMS LAUNCHES

Bryan College is offering its Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS) program in a fully online format for the first time. The program's reintroduction, according to MACS Director Dr. Kenneth Turner, has been revitalized and improved, experiencing a dramatic shift in terms of marketing strategy, class interactivity, flexibility, and reach.

MARCH



FEBRUARY 9

FIRST BRYAN FCA MEETING HELD ON CAMPUS

MARCH 31

BRYAN BEGINS NEW M.ED. PROGRAM

Bryan College received the go-ahead to begin offering its new Master of Education (M.Ed.) program this spring. Starting March 31, the program will run in a 12-week online format, designed to be accessible, affordable, and convenient for working adults wishing to earn their M.Ed. from a regionally accredited college with a celebrated history of strong undergraduate teacher education programs.



Left to right: Erin McGonagil (sr.), Martha Brooke Powers (so.), Aaron Pendergrass (so.), Sarah McDaniel (sr.), Kristen Pretzer (sr.), Rachel Thimell (fr.)– BOP recipients



THE BRYAN OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

MAKING BRYAN COLLEGE ACCESSIBLE TO
ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED TENNESSEE STUDENTS
WITH SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL NEED.

“A moment of pain is worth a lifetime of glory,” Louis Zamperini’s brother Pete told him as he boarded a train to the Olympic Trials. Louie replied, “If I can take it, I can make it.”

His spirit of perseverance and faith is still an inspiration all these years later. When he was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Louie’s plane crashed into the ocean, leaving him adrift for 47 days before he was taken captive by the Japanese Navy. As a prisoner of war Louie was severely beaten and mistreated until WWII ended.

This war hero passed away just a few months ago. His son, Luke, will be the featured speaker at this year’s Bryan Opportunity Program (BOP) dinner in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Since Bryan College’s first BOP dinner in 2008, this program has

enabled 205 low-income Tennessee residents to receive a Bryan education. One of these was Alex Brown, who dreamed of coming to Bryan, but never imagined she could. She recalls, “Lots of nights, we ate only spaghetti with no sauce. We’d scrape sticky change from the floorboards of the car to buy a coke from the vending machine at the Richland Park Shopping Center.” Alex was thrilled when she qualified for BOP funding. She graduated from Bryan in 2013.

Mark Mercier lived in a single-parent home with his three siblings. There is no way he could have come to Bryan College without BOP. Because Mark’s ultimate dream is to work at ESPN, he was tasked with escorting last year’s BOP speaker to appointed locations, making sure he was on time and had anything he needed throughout the day. You may recall that last year’s speaker was Scott Rasmussen – co-founder

BOP recipients Kelsey Perry (fr.) and Shania Rogers (fr.)



of ESPN. Now graduated, Mark works at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville and is also a part-time utility employee at ESPN. Was it coincidence that Rasmussen came during Mark's senior year, or that Mark was a BOP student volunteer at the event? Certainly the Lord had planned Mark's future as He had planned BOP to assist him.

Bryan encourages you to attend this year's BOP dinner and enjoy the fellowship and program. Investing in the lives of Tennessee students – students like Alex and Mark who just need a little help to pursue their dreams – is more than generosity: it is a legacy.

*by Janice Pendergrass,
BOP Event Planner*

8TH ANNUAL BRYAN OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM DINNER

Thursday, April 16, 2015, at the Chattanooga Convention Center • Reception 6:00 pm – Dinner 6:30 pm • \$50 per person

Special Guest, **LUKE ZAMPERINI**, will share his dad's story of **survival, resilience and redemption** as told in the book and movie, **UNBROKEN**.

The Bryan Opportunity Program makes Bryan College accessible to academically qualified Tennessee students with significant financial need.

For more information and to register,
go to bryan.edu/dinner
or call 423.775.7323 or 1.800.552.7926.
Please RSVP by April 9, 2015.

**General B. B. Bell, US Army (Retired) and Rear
Admiral Vance H. Fry, US Navy (Retired),
co-chairs of Host Committee**



UPDATES FROM CAREER SERVICES

This year is an exciting one for Bryan College Career Services, with several announcements and opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Chelsea Zimmerman '11, who worked in the career services department since the summer of 2012, has passed the reins to **Beverley Meadows '10**. "It has been such a privilege working at Bryan. I have been extremely blessed to be able to work with the students that I have," says Zimmerman, "and it's been really rewarding to watch them grow and then graduate into their jobs and succeed."

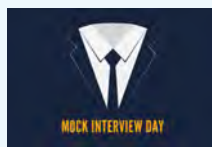
She continues, "I'm extremely excited about Beverley taking over Career Services. She's very capable, and has a lot to offer. I think she brings a lot to the table. Her HR experience will be extremely beneficial to students."

Meadows is equally as thrilled to step into the position. Having graduated from Bryan with her M.B.A. in 2010, she has worked at Bryan for over two years, recently transitioning from her former position as an academic advisor for the School of Adult and Graduate Studies. She does not hide her excitement to plan events and speaking engagements that will aid students in landing careers fitting for them.

"Education is extremely important," Meadows points out. "Working with students and building the network of employers in our students' lives is what excites me most."

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13

MAJOR EVENTS



10.7.14
MOCK INTERVIEW DAY



11.6.14
GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR



2.17.15
ETIQUETTE DINNER



3.26.15
PROFESSIONAL
NETWORKING EVENT



4.9.15
KNOXVILLE AREA
CAREER FAIR CONSORTIUM

... Plus several Leadership Forums with speakers from the Austrian Red Cross, Belmont Law School, Answers in Genesis, and more!

SINCE OCTOBER, RECRUITERS HAVE VISITED CAMPUS FOR THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- ♦ PINE COVE CAMP
- ♦ INNER CITY IMPACT
- ♦ LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CAMP
- ♦ ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE OF CHINA
- ♦ WINSHAPE CAMPS
- ♦ THE SALVATION ARMY
- ♦ WORLDWIDE HEART TO HEART
- ♦ LAKE FOREST RANCH
- ♦ CAMP GILEAD
- ♦ RIDGECREST SUMMER CAMPS
- ♦ BLACK FOREST ACADEMY
- ♦ ANSWERS IN GENESIS



HILLSIDE CHAT

➤ DR. DAVID LUTHER

After 37 years teaching music at Bryan College, Dr. David Luther (lovingly known as “Dr. D” by his students) says he hopes he will be remembered most for being a professor who loved his students and inspired them to sing joyfully and with excellence.

It was a career in church music ministry, not higher education, which was Dr. D’s original plan. Shortly after he married his wife, former Bryan professor Dr. Sigrid Luther, Dr. D was drafted into the army during the Vietnam War, which would shape and mature him as a man and provide funding to pay for his advanced education. It was his wife’s aspirations to teach that planted a similar dream in his heart. During his doctoral program at L.S.U. in 1978, Dr. D received a call from Bryan College, where he went on to teach for over three decades.

Dr. D is thankful for the Bryan College students who fill his heart. “They bless and encourage me,” he says. He leaves a wonderful legacy at Bryan College – the Bryan College Chorale and the Chamber Singers, a group he transformed from a performance-focused group to a distinct team of students who travel year-round to minister through song and testimony. He hopes they are remembered for a combination of excellence in technique and ministry: “real life preparation,”

he says, that will outlive him and go on to bear spiritual fruit.

Jeremy Moore ’08 remembers Dr. D as more than a music director, calling him “a mentor, an encourager, and a friend.” Agreeing, Eva Holder ’05 remarks, “Dr. D’s enthusiasm is probably what most impressed me about him over the course of my time in Chorale and Chamber Singers... enthusiasm for each new wave of incoming students, for us as individuals, for the music itself, for the gospel-focused texts that the music expressed.”

John Gross ’08 adds, “Dr. D has an uncanny ability to get his groups to evoke and convey the exact emotion behind any piece of music.”

Psalm 96:2 – “Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.” That is the true legacy Dr. David Luther hopes to leave behind.

By Rebekah Tooley ’08

Did you know?

Dr. D will continue to work part-time for Bryan by leading the Chamber Singers. He will also enjoy spending a bit more time with his granddaughter and grandsons. But his presence, love, and excellent teaching will be greatly missed.

HILLSIDE CHAT

➤ DR. PAUL BOLING

Dr. Paul Boling has discipled men across the world. In addition to his background at Berkeley, his Th.M. in Semitics and Old Testament and M.A. and Ph.D from the University of Tennessee in philosophy set him apart as a true thinker. He lectures for Summit Ministries regularly, consults for Rhea Medical Center on bioethical issues, and is currently writing a book on humor with communications professor Michael Palmer. Regardless of credentials, however, he sees his time at Bryan as one of discipleship and contentment in Christ.

Discipleship is not often followed as a command of Christ, but thankfully this is not the case with Dr. Boling. John Stonestreet '97, speaker and fellow for the Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview, says this: "Paul has quietly and humbly influenced and mentored not only many, many students during his time at Bryan, but also many young faculty and staffers like myself. He communicated and embodied grace to me, and expanded my vision of what it meant to be fully human in Christ."

Dr. Boling's influence is far, wide, and deep. Currently studying

at Talbot School of Theology, Timothy Cadillac '08, agrees. Having majored in Christian thought under Dr. Boling, he reflects, "I have met few people who have wanted to show others the way to experience the joys of intellectual faith more than Dr. Boling. He is a philosopher and a discipler, a man who seeks to be wise and to share that wisdom."

Phillip Kohler '10, a fighter pilot and officer in the Marine Corps, reminisces that despite offers of full scholarships to both Bryan and Vanderbilt, he chose Bryan because he "saw future mentors at Bryan in Dr. Boling and Dr. Pettite."

Many have noticed that when Dr. Boling has students over to his house, the atmosphere is joyous and respectful. Talk of his family and love for his wife comes out in lectures and daily interactions, and his dedication to his family further illustrates his character.

All these words and memories show us that Dr. Paul Boling recognizably walks with God, serves by example, and seeks to disciple well. This is something for which all Bryan alumni should strive.

By Jason Poarch '08



From shortly after coming to faith six years ago, Aaron Pendergrass has felt the Lord calling him to ministry. In fact, this sophomore Christian ministry major from Jackson, Tenn., cannot see himself involved in anything but ministry—building up the body of Christ and meeting people where they are.

Why? “I love people,” he says. Already he has stayed involved with youth ministry, children’s ministry, and student ministry, working with Campus Crusade for Christ in high schools and going into his second summer counseling at Lake Forest Ranch in Macon, Miss.

Currently only halfway through his undergraduate education, Aaron is already planning on going to seminary in preparation for a pastoral calling in the future. “I would definitely love to pastor here in America,” he remarks, “but I also have a

desire (I don’t know yet what this would look like) to plant churches in other countries. I just keep falling more in love with what I’m studying.”

In addition to his studies at Bryan, Aaron is also involved with the chorale and residence life. He was recently accepted into the new position of Christian Life Advisor, in which he will be working alongside the RDs and RAs to shepherd fellow students.

He encourages prospective students to live life with an open hand: “You don’t have to have everything figured out right now; don’t rush into anything. Your plans are susceptible to change, and what you say may not necessarily be what God’s saying. Allow His mending and molding to take place.”

By Chloe Ann Nardone ‘13

STUDENT PROFILE

AARON PENDERGRASS, SOPHOMORE

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY: PASTORAL OPTION



STUDENT PROFILE

KALYN LEWIS, SENIOR

SECONDARY EDUCATION: ENGLISH



Ever since she served in public schools on a missions trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Kalyn Lewis has known that teaching would be her vocation; and given her love for the written word, the choice to pursue a career as a middle or high school English teacher simply made sense.

This senior secondary education major from Crossville, Tenn., says that she loves taking what she has learned from her college literature courses and turning that knowledge into lessons for her own students: when teaching *Beowulf* at Rhea County High School, she used material directly inspired by Dr. Whit Jones’ British Literature I course.

In addition to finishing up her studies to graduate in May – two years early, thanks to taking dual enrollment courses in high school – Kalyn also works part time and just celebrated her first wedding anniversary in March. She plans on starting the M.Ed. program at Bryan within the next two years.

“The main thing I want to do is teach and make a difference in my students’ lives just as my teachers at Bryan have made a difference in mine,” she says, and anyone who meets her can be confident she will do just that.

By Chloe Ann Nardone ‘13



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ATHLETICS

SEASON SNAPSHOTS



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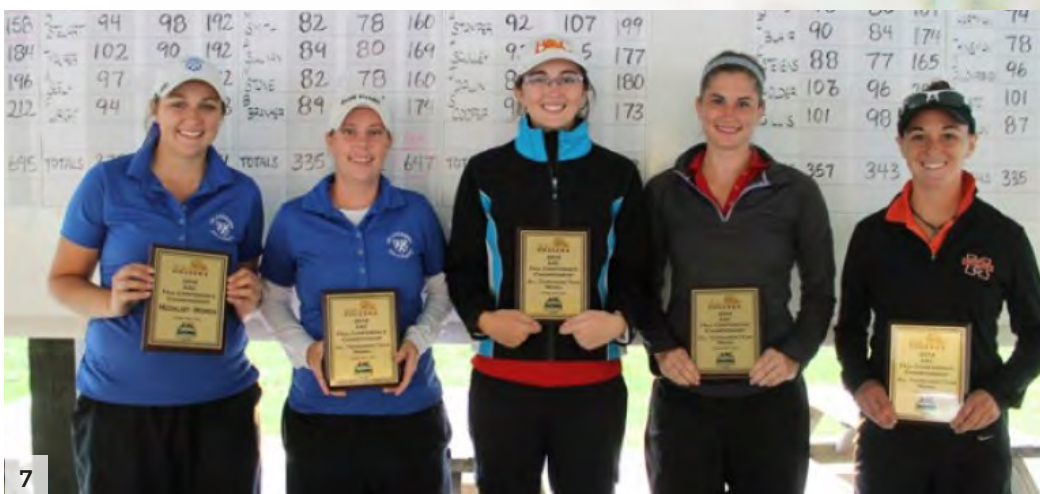
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1. Lions race at JDL Fast Track against other NAIA & NCAA schools in late February.
2. Bryan ended women's basketball season with an overall record of 21-7, the most wins for a Bryan squad since 2007.
3. The baseball team has already notched two no-hitters this season, the first on Feb. 6 against the University of Rio Grande, and the second on Feb. 20 against Taylor University (8-0).
4. The Bryan College softball team opened up their 2015 season in February at the Martin Methodist Meltdown in Pulaski, Tenn. The Lions went 2-2 on the weekend, playing all four games as the visiting team.
5. In October the men's golf team won the Union Bulldog Invitational, at which 13 teams played in both the men's and women's divisions at the challenging Wasioto Winds golf course that carries a 73.9 rating and a 137 slope rating from the championship tees.
6. The men's basketball team has cause to be proud as six-foot-tall true post player junior Brandon Cole as one of their own leads the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in scoring at 29.4 points per game; he is also the top rebounder in the NAIA, averaging 11.0 per game, recording 18 double doubles in 27 games played.
7. In November the women's golf team saw its top two players Kerrie Reinhardt and Danielle Grace both make the AAC Fall Conference Championship team. In the 2014 Fall Conference Championships at Lake Tansi Golf Course in Crossville, Tenn., the Lady Lions placed two players in the top 5 of an AAC championship event for the first time in school history.



BASEBALL

We have a great group of baseball players this year. Our team gets along with one another and they do a lot of things at a very high level. I am excited about what this group is capable of accomplishing both on and off the field.

Taylor Hasty, Head Baseball Coach

SOFTBALL

Coming off of last year's post-season high, it has been a challenge to replace such a large core group of seniors. The progress made by the new and remaining girls has set very high expectations for this year. The level of talent that we have this year is remarkable, and I, as well as the girls, expect nothing less than continuing to build a championship program.

Rocky Stinson, Head Softball Coach



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Our team finished 15-13 this season and no. 4 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference. We were led by the Conference MVP Brandon Cole who averaged nearly 30 points and 11.5 rebounds per game. We started three freshmen, so the future looks bright as two of our freshmen,

Oteriah Lee and Tyler Yoder, were on the All-Freshman team. On a side note, the team has been involved with the YCAP program here in Dayton assisting with some of the at risk students in this community. We have helped with tutoring, activities and mentorship talks with these young people.

*Don Rekoske,
Men's Head Basketball Coach*

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Internally we started this season with high expectations because of recent success with several returning players and a good recruiting class. Fortunately, these ladies did not rest on projected expectations but went about their daily business

with professionalism and a great work ethic. That determination allowed us to finish second place in conference and make our first trip to the national tournament since 2007. With every season there are adversities that must be overcome, and they have; I am extremely proud of our girls for their achievements on the court, in the classroom, and in their personal relationships. The Lady Lions give praise and honor to God for His faithfulness and blessings this year!

*Jason Smith,
Women's Head Basketball Coach*

TRACK & FIELD

Over the past few years both the cross-country and track teams have seen many changes but have been resilient and have worked hard together. This is a great group of athletes to build a team around because they are a family. They are also focused on becoming a championship-caliber team, which makes it easy for me to get kids to buy into the training and the program. We had a freshman qualify for the NAIA Cross-Country National Championship, and he placed 54th – the best finish we have had for a freshman. Every athlete that stepped on the track during indoor track season ran personal bests. So good things are to come and I am excited to be a part of it!

*Josh Bradley '10,
Head Track & Field Coach*

GOLF

Spring 2015 offers the Bryan College Lions their best opportunity ever as a men's team.

The men reached no. 7 in the Golf stat NAIA rankings last fall and finishing the fall season at no. 28. Second only to Union in the AAC GOLFSTAT rankings, senior Dean Hoare led the Lions who at one point in the fall had 3 men ranked in the top 50 in the nation. Hoare is the highest ranked player in the AAC at no. 29 in the nation with a 72.50 scoring average. The Lions finished the fall season as the second highest AAC ranked team at no. 23 nationally in the GOLFSTAT rankings.

In the women's AAC Fall Conference meet, the Bryan Lady Lions placed two ladies in the top five of the conference: Kerrie Reinhardt and Danielle Grace.

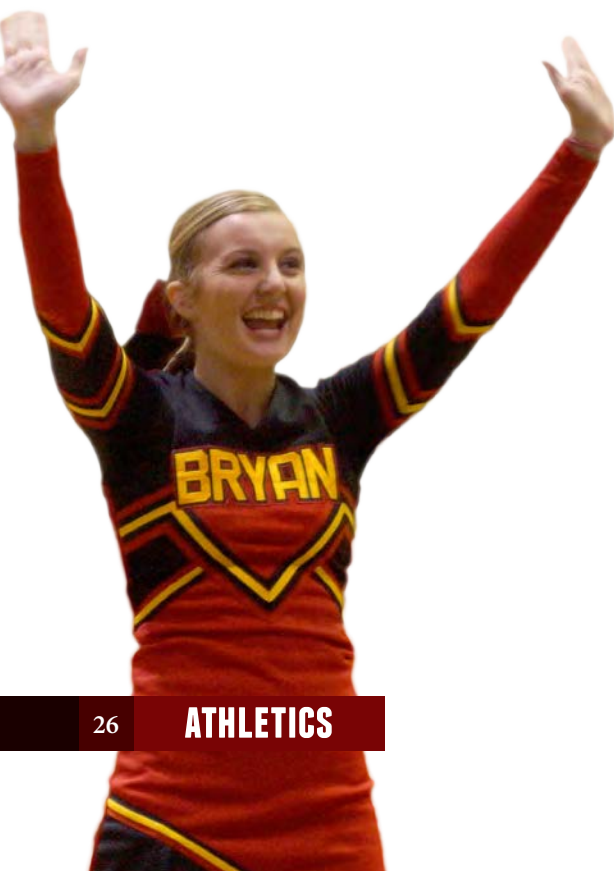
All and all, this spring season presents a lot of hope and potential for the Lions.

Peter Bollant, Head Golf Coach

CHEER-LEADING

The Bryan College cheer team had a great season and overcame a few challenges. I'm happy to say they not only persevered, but also thrived. We focused on three parts of the team dynamic, spiritual, personal, and physical. We also have goals or directions we focused on for the year; our spiritual focus was having God make us the way He wants us: even if it is not a "good" circumstance, still being thankful God is using it in our lives. One of our goals was to create 'family and One' within the team. Another goal was to continually improve through the year – which they achieved! The cheer team is active throughout the whole school year, so we are not done serving the school or growing as a team.

*Janice Perron,
Head Cheerleading Coach*



ATHLETE PROFILES

JOHN CAIN



Year
Senior

Hometown
Crossville, Tenn.

Sport
Baseball

Major
Business Administration

Plans after Bryan
Earning his Masters of Health Administration (MHA) with the goal of becoming a hospital CEO

KRISTIN LANE

Year
Junior

Hometown
Knoxville, Tenn.

Sport
Women's Basketball

Major
Early Childhood Education

Plans after Bryan
Becoming a teacher and then a principal





living CHRIST to the WORLD

BEING KNOWN

■ HAVE YOU EVER

considered how difficult our world makes it for an individual to *know* others and *be known* by others?

In the days before bumper-to-bumper traffic, the Internet, and social media, there were things called sidewalks – thoroughfares for foot traffic and social networking that held a unique place in American culture. On a sidewalk a person could not help but cross paths with any number of people on a daily basis, and in time, these people would often become acquaintances, business associates, close friends, or even family. Life had its challenges, but personal isolation was more of a rarity then than it is today.

By nature, relationships are not easy. They take time and effort, and often you will not get out of them what you put into them. Relationships take ongoing investment of risk and reward. Yet being in relationship with one another is what we were made for.

In Genesis 2, God saw that it was not good for Adam to be alone and provided him with a wife, Eve. In a single act God validated the fact that loneliness and isolation were not his designed intent for humanity. Even before sin entered the world, we were hardwired for intimacy – for relationships and community.

At Bryan one of the means by which we seek to understand what it means to be made in the image of God is through authentic relationships and community via the residence life experience. This plays a central role in combating the loneliness and isolation fed by the effects of sin, because it is in community that we are able to know others and be known by others.

It is in this community that we once again traverse the sidewalks – whether across the Triangle, down a residence hall corridor, to Summers Gymnasium, or for a meal in the dining hall. Here we find accountability and support to live daily in a manner consistent with our faith and our calling. Classroom learning is reinforced and directed away from self-seeking gain and toward loving, selfless, redemptive action. We learn that to be human means that there is no area of life that God does not claim as His own. And it is in this community that we brush shoulders with those who help us better understand ourselves, our world, and our God.

*By Matt Williams '01,
Resident Director*

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Rebecca (left) with the ladies' quartet in 1940

Tribute to

In the fall of 1978, I came back to Bryan College and was intrigued to find a beautiful Middle Eastern woman and her little son walking around campus. I began asking who she was. No one knew, but finally someone did tell me that she was staying with one of the school's secretaries, a Rebecca Peck. I found this woman's office, went in, and met a lady who would have a profound effect on my life.

That young woman was Sheida Amirallaie (whose surname means "family of good kings" – her family had ruled Persia for 800 years!) and that prince-son of hers was Sami. Through a series of unfortunate events Sheida ended up without resources or a place to go in Dayton, Tenn. When she asked for help in town, someone told her that there was a woman up at Bryan who might help her. Sure enough, Ms. Peck and her father took them in. I was privileged to get to know them in the Peck home, and that was a huge part of my education at Bryan.

I came to realize that this Ms. Peck loved the peoples of the world and her heart and home were always open to them. In the short 8 years I lived in Dayton, she took in not only Sheida and Sami from Iran, but also Eunice from the Philippines, Ruth from Micronesia, Odalis from Guatemala, Kakoe from Japan, and 14 members of the Tran Family (fishermen who had only lived on a fishing boat in Vietnam and were now coming here from a refugee camp in Cambodia). She loved them all like Jesus. The world was always welcomed at #1 Bryan Drive.

Not only did this woman instill in me a love for the nations, but more importantly, she held onto faith for me at a time when my own was faltering. Many times in the early 80s, I would be struggling to find my way and feel like I had to talk to someone. I would pour out my heart to her and wring my hands and say, "What am I going to do?" She'd very calmly say, "You're going to trust the Lord." She held on for me when I was having a hard time holding on myself.

We kept in touch and visited back and forth through the next 30 years. It has been

such a precious thing to the both of us that my youngest daughter, Crystal, and her sweet Bryan friends have visited Mrs. Hoyt in the nursing home every week for three and a half years.

Besides the Bible, I believe Mrs. Hoyt's favorite book was *My Utmost for His Highest*, where she learned to live "abandoned to God." September 2nd's entry describes her life, "If we believe in Jesus, it is not what we gain, but what He pours through us that counts. It is not that God makes us beautifully rounded grapes, but that He squeezes the sweetness out of us. Spiritually, we cannot measure our life by success, but only by what God pours through us, and we cannot measure that at all."

Mrs. Hoyt died like she had lived – very quietly, and rather unnoticed. But I believe when she got to Heaven's gates, there was a triumphal procession waiting to escort her in. II Corinthians 2:14 says, "Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him."

From Matthew 25, I am confident that the King of Glory met her and said, "Come in, Rebecca, you are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance! I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in; I needed clothes and you clothed me; I was sick and you looked after me; I was in prison and you came to visit me." If she asks when she did that, He will say, "whatever you did for Sheida and Sami, for Eunice and Ruth, for Odalis and Kakoe, for Mrs. Gitlin, for Mrs. Goodrich, for Johnnie and Pearl, for the people at Norman's Chapel, for the Tran family, for Darlene... you did for me."

One of the last pictures I have of Mrs. Hoyt is of her sitting in her chair at the nursing home, asleep, with her Bible open in her lap. She pointed to Him her whole life and her influence will go on and on all around this world. May we now abandon ourselves to Him and do the same.

By Darlene LaPlue '81





I graduated in 2010
with a history ed. degree.
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Now I'm coaching BC
cross country/track....




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Josh Bradley '10
Head Cross Country / Track & Field Coach

UNSUNG HEROES OF BRYAN COLLEGE

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a bright pink ribbed sweater with a decorative neckline and black leggings, stands smiling on a paved path. In the background, a brick building with large windows is visible, and another person is walking away in the distance.

"I give to Bryan College because I truly believe that it is an investment in the future of our world."

Karen Randen: Landscape Coordinator

Karen Randen has been using her expertise to beautify the Bryan College campus since 2003.

■ Alumni Director



This year marks the 15th anniversary of the fire at Bryan. I was there that night, standing helplessly in the middle of the Triangle with the student body, faculty, staff, and many from the community. We watched as flames crept across the entire third floor of the administration building. Wiping back tears, I wondered if this would be the end of our beautiful Bryan College. Just as quickly as despair gripped my soul, spontaneous prayer and singing broke out across campus. Everyone gathered in circles, holding on to each other, imploring God for a miracle. Instead, the Lord allowed the building to burn, and what didn't burn was ruined by smoke and water. By morning Mercer Hall's exterior was standing, but inside was a total loss.

Isn't that a lot like life? Often when we pray for divine intervention, God seems painfully slow or apathetic. Life storms have challenged many alumni this year – many have lost loved ones, are battling serious health issues, or have dealt with great loss. It is not easy to face a day when you are still standing but feel like your entire life has been gutted by fire.

It is easy to say, "Of course God brings beauty from ashes" to others, but when your own life seems to be going up in flames, the answer becomes more difficult to find. There is something very precious about surviving and walking through your own

DOES GOD REALLY BRING BEAUTY FROM ASHES?

ashes. God allows us to go through many types of fire to purify our hearts, souls and minds. I once wrote in my journal several years ago that "the Bible says that God saves every one of our tears in a bottle – if that's the case He must have a pond with my name on it!" But what I have learned as I have walked through my own life is this: God is God and He is and always will be faithful. God restores and rebuilds; I love that God doesn't skimp on the rebuilding process. If we allow Him to, He always rebuilds with a greater creativity, beauty, and strength than we ever could have dreamed.

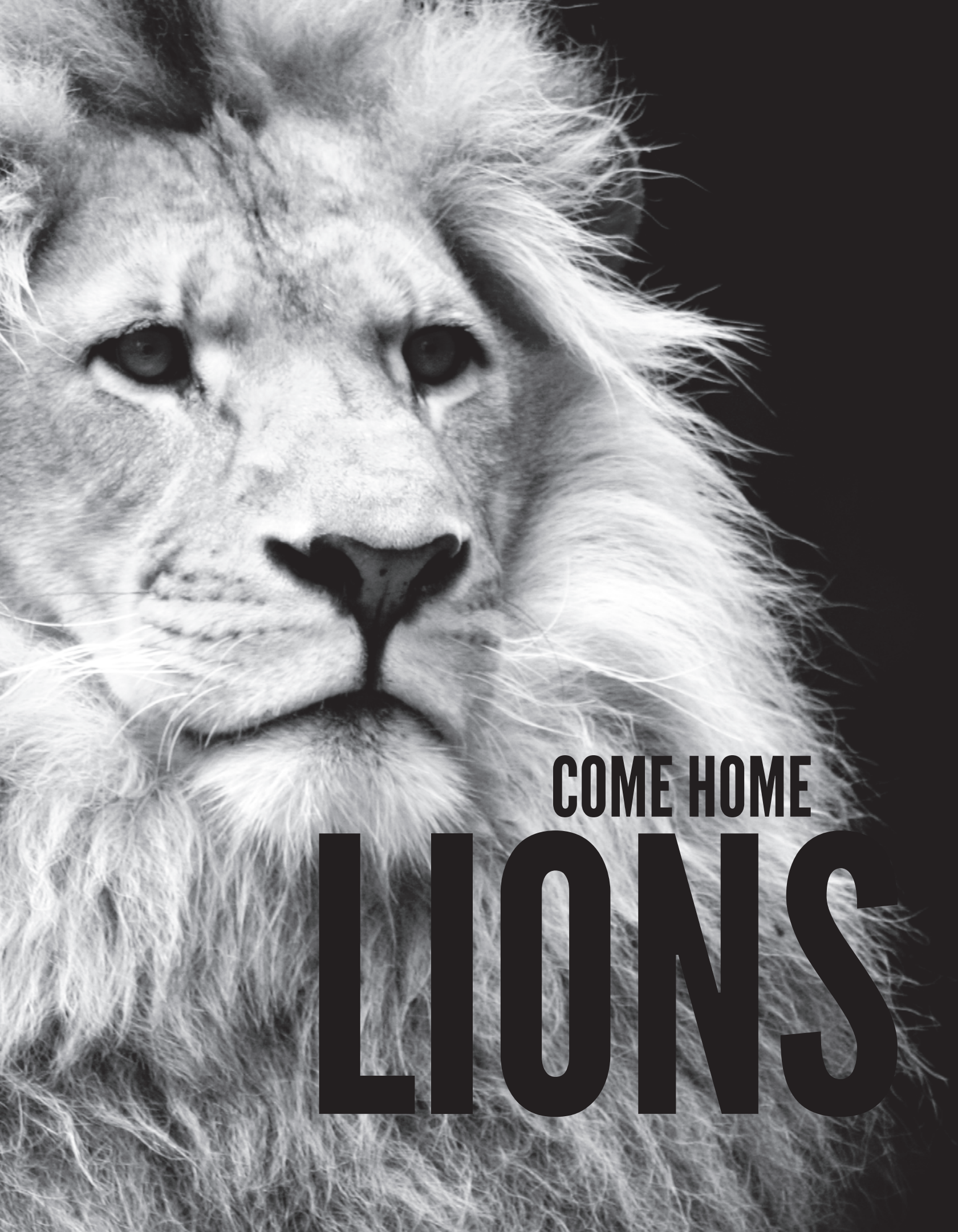
As our administration building sat gutted and empty for several months, the stark reality of destruction set in. Professors held classes in little trailers in the parking lot. Brock Hall became what looked like a triage center. I remember thinking how things would never be the same. The building took time to rebuild– the rotten damage had to be scraped out and removed, the walls needed to be reinforced, it had to be cleaned and sanitized from the mold and water damage– the process seemed to take forever. But the finished product is beautiful! What had been old and outdated, became new and state-of-the-art... and better than anyone could have imagined. And the most beautiful product of the fire was how our Bryan family and community came together, forged with a newfound unity.

We have the same promise. God may seem silent at times, but He is always at work. When we go through the fires this life brings, the rebuilding and restoration is seldom instantaneous. It may take days, months, years, even a lifetime.

But if we allow it, God always rebuilds, always restores, always refines, and always redeems.

Paulakay

Paulakay Hall, '84



COME HOME

LIONS

HOMEcoming 2015

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

10:00am- Alumni Chapel

Rudd Auditorium

Featuring Jimmy Davis '90 & Damon Kelly '90

10:00am to 6:00pm- Registration Begins

Latimer Student Center, 2nd floor

Sign-in, receive your alumni gift

1:00pm to 4:00pm- Career Services

Lion's Den (next to registration)

Come and enter your business card for a \$50 gift card drawing, meet Director of Career Services Beverley Meadows, swap strategies, see what she can offer your business and what your business can offer to our students and alumni.

4:00pm to 5:30pm- Business Majors Meet & Greet

Mac's Café, Latimer 3rd floor

Refreshments, door prizes and drawings. Talk to our business faculty and other business major alums.

4:00pm to 5:30pm- Worldview Alumni Meet & Greet

Sub Zone, Latimer 2nd floor

Light refreshments

5:30pm- Lion Cubs (*included in Fast Pass or \$5/per child)

Meet at Registration

For children ages 3 to 11

Fun, games, Bible stories, crafts!

6:00pm- Tuscany in the Triangle (*included in Fast Pass or \$15/person)

Mercer, main floor (the old "Fishbowl")

Big Italian dinner for everyone!

6:30pm- Class of 1990 25th Reunion (*included in Fast Pass or \$20/person)

Library, second floor

Let's rock this, Class of 1990!

8:00pm- Dessert & Coffee Social

Sub Zone, 2nd floor Latimer

Come enjoy great dessert and hot coffee/tea with your friends

Alumni Sports:

Baseball- 7:30pm, Senter Field

Dogs-in-the-Park cookout for those who attend. This is a free event sponsored by BC Athletics.

Rugby- 8:00pm, YMCA Field

Basketball- 9:00pm, Summers Gymnasium

Alumni soccer is scheduled for Saturday morning at 10:00am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00am to 10:00am- Coffee & Light Breakfast (*included in Fast Pass or \$5/person)

Latimer, 3rd floor Mac's Café

Wake up and visit with your friends

9:00am- Women's Soccer Team Reunion Breakfast

Meet this year's team with Coach Mark Sauve.

Alumni players & families are welcome.

Breakfast is free- sponsored by BC Athletics

9:00am- Paw Pounder Extreme 5K & 10K Register at pawpounder.org

Starts at the bottom of Landes Way

10:00am to 5:30pm- Registration open

Latimer, second floor

10:00am- Alumni Soccer

Soccer Field

10:30am- Prayer and Communion

Led by Jimmy Davis '90, author of CRUCIFORM

Mac's Cafe

12:00pm- Tailgate in the Triangle (*included in Fast Pass or \$5/person)

In the Triangle

Fried chicken & fellowship

Bouncies for the kids

Photobooth

Fun & games

2:00pm- Class of 1995, 20th Reunion

Library, first floor

Light refreshments

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DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

3:00pm- Paw Pounder Obstacle Run 1M & 5K
Register at pawpounder.org

**4:00pm- My Big Fat Greek Reception:
Honoring Dr. John C. Anderson '73H, Greek
Professor Extraordinaire**

Light refreshments

All Greek & Bible majors (and anyone else) welcomed!

Let's celebrate Doc!

Sub Zone, 2nd floor Latimer

5:00pm- Bryan College Women's Soccer

Bryan vs. Bluefield

Soccer fields

5:30pm- Lion Cubs
(*included in Fast Pass or \$5/child)

Meet at Registration

For children ages 3 to 11

Fun, games, Bible stories, crafts!

6:00pm- Red & Gold Gala
(*included in Fast Pass or \$20/person)

Dining Hall, Latimer

Honoring Doc Anderson- 60 Years with Bryan College

Join us for an awesome dinner, music and all

alumni & sports awards

7:30pm- Bryan College Men's Varsity Soccer

Bryan vs. Bluefield

Soccer fields

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00am- Alumni Worship

Featuring Rev. Christopher E. Burcham '90,

The Bryan College Praise Team, special music and more!

11:30pm- Lunch

Dining Hall, Latimer

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HOMECOMING SPEAKERS



Since graduating from Bryan College with a degree in Biblical Studies (going on to graduate work in Christian Ministries at Huntington University), **Rev. Christopher E. Burcham '90** has spent the past 25 years in vocational ministry—both as a pastor and classroom teacher—in Illinois, Florida, and North Carolina. He is now going into his eighth year of service as the senior pastor of Union Hill Baptist Church in Clemmons,

N.C. An avid history buff, he has traveled to more than 350 presidential sites in all 50 states and been privileged to meet the last eight presidents (from Richard Nixon through Barack Obama)—all in connection with a book he is currently writing, entitled: *Heads of State; Feet of Clay*. Christopher is joined in ministry by his lovely wife Amanda, and the family currently resides in Winston-Salem, N.C.



Jimmy Davis '90, originally from Charlotte, N.C., earned a B.A. in Bible / Christian education from Bryan College, followed by his M.A. in Christian education and M.A. in Biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. He was ordained as a teaching

elder in the Presbyterian Church in America in 1998 and has been Associate Pastor of Discipleship at Metrocrest PCA since 2009. In over 20 years of ministry, he has served as a pastor to youth and college students, youth ministry consultant, church planter, and pastor of discipleship and has taught several Bible courses and authored *Cruciform: Living the Cross-Shaped Life*. He and his wife Christine (Massey) '91 have three children and currently reside in Carrollton, Texas.

Damon Kelly '90, born and raised in Charlotte, N.C., attended and graduated from Bryan. Damon was roommates with Jimmy Davis '90 for all 4 years in Woodlee-Ewing 224. His years at Bryan were some of the most transformative of his life. The Kellys and Davises have criss-crossed the U.S. in similar ministry spots such as Dallas and Knoxville. Damon and his best friend and wife Lea (Johnson) '89 currently reside in Knoxville, Tenn., at their home, Story Cottage, with their three sons.



JOIN US! Friends of class of 1965 also very welcomed!

Register at bryan.edu/alumni/goldengrads

FEATURED ALUMNI

GREG AND CHRISSY BARKMAN '91

Principal & Learning Therapist, Ukarumpa International School

When he first came to Bryan College as a freshman, Greg Barkman reflects, he had no idea that it was there he would meet his “soul-mate and life partner,” Chrissy Campbell. The two graduated in 1991 and, now married, have been serving missionary families in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for over 10 years at the Ukarumpa International School.

The Barkmans have been career partners nearly since graduation. They taught simultaneously at Northeast Atlanta Christian School from 1993 – 1996, earned their masters’ degrees from Columbia International University in 1997, and taught again at Fayetteville Christian School from 1997 – 1999. In that year their twins, Zachary and Samuel, were born, and Chrissy became a full-time mother as Greg went on to serve as youth director at Church of the Open Door in Fayetteville, N.C.

Greg’s B.S. degree in business administration and Chrissy’s in psychology, along with their minors in Bible and Christian education, well prepared them for what they would invest in more than a decade into the future. In 2004 they accepted positions with the Ukarumpa International School in PNG. Here they still serve today. Chrissy works one-on-one with students in learning therapy, using methods and exercises that help retrain the brain. Greg is the school’s principal.

“Our school serves over 230 students (K – 12), most of whom are the children of missionaries,” the Barkmans explain. “The existence of the school provides a good educational option in PNG for missionaries so they can be close to their children while they minister.”



They both agree that their Bryan education prepared them for their present calling. Chrissy notes, “Bible classes, such as Biblical Worldview and Lifestyle Evangelism, were instrumental in helping me with my work as a missionary teacher.” Having grown up as a missionary kid in Peru, Greg remembers his time at Bryan as “immersion into U.S. culture on a small scale” and “a huge help in my transition from my life in Peru to my life in America,” preparing him in advance for when he and his family would move to PNG.

When not in PNG, Greg, Chrissy, Zachary, and Samuel Barkman make their home in Waxhaw, N.C.

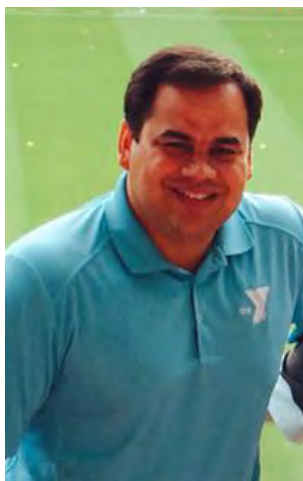
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FEATURED ALUMNI

CESAR SILVA '02

District Vice President of Operations, Metropolitan Houston YMCA

Sometimes the Lord uses momentary disappointments to bring His children into the satisfaction only living in His will can bring. This was the case when Brazil native Cesar Silva '02 first heard of Bryan College. He was the National Brazil Champion and pre-Olympic qualified in the triple jump, but he missed the 2000 Olympics by 3.5 inches. "I was at one of the most vulnerable times in my life," Cesar recollects, when he met Saulo Franca '01x at the Word of Life institute in Brazil, who told him about Bryan.



As a result of that meeting, Cesar came to Bryan as a student athlete, playing soccer for the Lions in addition to pursuing his studies as an exercise health science major and a Bible minor. During college he interned at the Rhea Family YMCA, focusing on youth sports and personal training, which opened doors to what would become his long-term career.

After graduation in 2002 Cesar was hired as a part-time sports coordinator for the YMCA of Greater St. Louis, and from then until 2014 moved up to program director, associate executive, executive director, and finally district vice president of operations, supervising six branches within the St. Louis system, during

which time he earned his M.B.A. In September 2014 he became one of four district vice presidents of operations with the Metropolitan Houston YMCA -- the third largest YMCA system in the United States.

Cesar is thankful that his career provides many opportunities to invest in communities and work with and develop staff, and he credits college leaders such as Dr. Sandy Zensen with teaching real-world application of classroom principles, in addition to the importance of grace.

"God definitely has opened doors when I didn't expect them and has closed doors that I now say 'Thank You' for," he says, for it is those open doors that led him to where he is today.

By Chloe Ann Nardone '13

Did you know?

During his time at Bryan, Cesar befriended Dr. Paul Boling, and then Dr. Boling's daughter Michelle... who is now Cesar's beloved wife! He says, "She supports me in my weaknesses and is truly my teammate in life."

Lion Tracks

1950s & 1960s



Dr. Alan Johnson '57 and his wife, Rea, just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Dr. Johnson taught New Testament and Christian Ethics at Wheaton College and graduate school for 36 years, and Rea worked as an R.N. for 30 years at Central Dupage Hospital. The Johnsons have four

daughters, 19 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and live in Carol Stream, Ill.

Dan '69 and Anita '90 McMillan have retired from pastoral ministry and elementary school teaching, respectively. They McMillans currently reside in Athens, Tenn.

**LIONS, LET US KNOW
WHAT YOU ARE UP TO!**

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ALUMNI@BRYAN.EDU OR

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1990s & 2000s



Tim '92 and Jodi (Rouse) '93 Wehse announce the birth of their daughter, Cadence Peace, on March 31, 2014. Cadence joins older siblings Celena (15), TJ (11), Dayton (9), and Cascade (6). The Wehses currently reside in Dayton, Tenn.



Christiana (Olowola) Abidoye '96 and her husband, Ademola, live in Lokoja, Nigeria. They have been blessed with a daughter, Joy (15). Christiana has worked for Industrial Training Fund as a Principal Training officer for 15 years. She recently visited Bryan during her visit with her sister **Toks (Olowola) Brown '04** and brother-in-law **Zac Brown '01**.



Tabitha G. Moe '00 completed the cardiology fellowship at Banner – Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz., and is joining Arizona Pediatric Cardiology to build a one-of-a-kind bridge program to care for adults with congenital heart disease. Tabitha currently resides in Scottsdale, Ariz.



Zac '01 and Toks '04 Brown announce the birth of their twin daughters, Isabella Rose Ayomide and Julianna Grace Ayomikun, on Dec. 21, 2014. The Browns currently reside in Ooltewah, Tenn.



Taylor '08 and Elizabeth (Cochrane) '09 Hollingsworth announce the birth of their son, Banner Joel, on Sept. 16, 2014. The Hollingsworths currently reside in Etowah, Tenn.

2010s



Luke Booker '09 and his wife Bethany announce the birth of their son, Larson Silas, on Oct. 24, 2014. The Bookers currently reside in Laredo, Texas.



Allan '10 and Emily '11 Johnson announce the birth of their son, Luca William, on Oct. 18, 2014. The Johnsons currently reside in Cleveland, Tenn.



Kevin and Paula (Yukoubian) Anderson '11 announce the birth of their son, Asher Paul, on Nov. 14, 2014. Kevin is the Resident Director of the Woodlee-Ewing residence hall, and the Andersons currently reside on the Bryan campus in Dayton, Tenn.



Brian and Lauren Mullennix '11 were married Aug. 6, 2011. Alumni in the wedding included **Brian Edgerton '07**, **Blakeley Spencer Edgerton '07**, **Ryan Traub '09**,

Tina Johnson Reading '99, **Ryan Yontz '11**, **Lauren Hess Yontz '11**, **Whitney Boggs '11**, **Kara Mullennix '12**, and **Doug Stroup '12**.



Patrick and Alicia (Schulze) Roberts '11 announce the birth of their son, **Leeland Justus**, on Sept. 23, 2014. Leeland joins older brother **Owen**. The Roberts recently moved to Athens, Pa., where Patrick works as a land consultant for Nesco and Alicia runs her own business called TuneMyHeart Music.



Caleb and Annalyn Ebersole '12 announce the birth of their daughter, **Kaylee Rae**, on Nov. 17, 2014. Kaylee joins siblings **Adelyn (4)** and **C.J. (2)**. The Ebersoles currently reside in Dayton, Tenn.

FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

Jonathan Doran presented a workshop titled “Spiritual Foundation of the False Self to the True Self” at the Southeast Regional Conference of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors in Hendersonville, N.C., on Oct. 23-26, 2014.

Stacey Duke, Dr. Kathy Estes, Brad Gatlin, and Dr. Adina Scruggs attended the Christian Business Faculty Association (CBFA) Annual Meeting and Conference in Nashville, Tenn., on Oct. 9-11, 2014. Mr. Gatlin co-presented a best practices session entitled

“HashtagCBFA: The effective use of micro-blogging site Twitter in the business classroom.”

Olivia Ellis gave a presentation to the Chattanooga Music Teachers Association on piano duet literature for students from the baroque to the modern era. Dr. Sigrid Luther assisted her on piano for demonstrations.

Dr. Kathy Estes has written a book review that has been accepted for publication in the Christian Business Academy Review (CBAR), scheduled for May 2015.

Brad Gatlin and Dr. Adina Scruggs, along with 13 students, attended the Enactus Fall Leadership Conference at Home Depot Headquarters in Atlanta on Oct. 24. The conference included several sessions designed to equip students to lead projects and measure results, plus a career fair.

K. Daniel Gleason, assistant professor of English, passed his written examinations for the Ph.D. program at IUP.

Dr. Randall Hollingsworth and Michael Palmer will travel to the Czech Republic at Olomouc University. With the aid of Mr. Dennis Miller, grant funding has been secured from the McClellan Foundation for two separate trips occurring in the spring. This will be the third such trip, continuing a collaborative and developing relationship between the Bryan College communication studies department and Olomouc University.

Kimberly Keck was an adjudicator for the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools (TACS) fine arts competition in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Feb. 10, 2015.





Dr. Phil Lestmann took three current mathematics students to the Regional Undergraduate Mathematics Conference at Lee University on Feb. 7, 2015.

Dr. David Luther was invited to appear as bass soloist in Handel's Messiah on Nov. 30, 2014. He also is directing the Chamber Singers in presenting five off-campus sacred concerts this semester.

Dr. Dwight Page attended the national meeting of the Swiss

American Historical Society in Philadelphia on Oct. 11, 2014. He is the editor in chief of the SAHS Review and presented the annual public report on publications. He also presented a public testimonial tribute to Dr. Leo Schelbert, the former editor in chief of the Review, an eminent historian who has published extensively on Swiss and European and Swiss American history. Dr. Page also had the privilege of entertaining the guests and the Consul General of Switzerland in Philadelphia both during this time. Publication

of Dr. Page's upcoming book, *The Swiss Presence in the History of Tennessee*, was discussed during the conference.

Michael Palmer spoke at Ogden Road Baptist Church and at the La-Z-Boy Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet, advised the Bryan College Debate Team, and continued to work with the rugby club. (The 2014 season marked the 10th year since the team's inception. Both teams represented the school honorably and well.)

Dr. Adina Scruggs attended the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) Region 7/8 Conference in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, on Oct. 16-17, 2014. The theme for the conference was "Diversity and Innovation" and included a full-day workshop on "Preparation for Site Visit / Self Study." Bryan College business degrees have been accredited by the IACBE since 2006. Dr. Scruggs also served on the 2015 ADDY award committee

for the Chattanooga chapter of the American Advertising Federation and attended the AAF – Chattanooga Luncheon with several business students on Jan. 28, 2015, to learn about advertising law basics.

Bethany Smith and Caroline Redmond led a panel at Vanderbilt University titled "Secret Kept Too Well: Exceptional Consultants, Elusive Students." The panel was part of the Tennessee Writing

Center Directors' Day, a division of the Southeastern Writing Center Association.

Susan Wilhoit sang with the Chattanooga Symphony Chorus and Orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony at the Tivoli Theater in Chattanooga on Sept. 11, 2014. She was a guest instructor for a two-day workshop on watercolor at Danville Community Arts Centre in Danville, Ky.



REMEMBERING THE FIRE OF 2000

THE END OF ONE ERA BRINGS SADNESS AND LOSS, BUT HOPE IN THE PHOENIX OF A NEW DAY



A small fire broke out in Bryan College's administration building around 6 P.M. on Feb. 6, 2000, before growing to a raging blaze which destroyed the entire third floor, including classrooms, offices, and science labs.

Three freshmen from a Huston dormitory room were the first to notice smoke coming from the windows and sounded the 911 alarm. First responders from the Dayton Fire Department arrived within minutes. At the height of the firefight approximately 100 men and a dozen fire trucks from eight fire departments had come. The fire was out by 1:30 A.M. The fire burned the roof for the length of the building, causing it to collapse, and water and smoke had caused extensive damage to the first and second floors.

The initial loss was estimated at over \$10 million. There was much sadness at the lost of the main campus building. Tara Luther, at that time resident director of Long, said, "I couldn't speak. I just cried and prayed." During the fire many students and faculty congregated in the college chapel and prayed. Many students and faculty

expressed wonderment at how the Lord would meet the college's need.

The next morning, Monday, President Brown called a campus-wide chapel meeting. All of the news outlets from Chattanooga and other places were present. The campus attitude was different – chapel began with praise and prayer. Dr. Brown announced that classes would resume on campus the very next day.

The response from the community and surrounding area was immediate and helpful. In addition to Chattanooga State, resources were offered by Tennessee Temple University and Southern Adventist University. Dr. Brown reported that he had "received phone calls from more than 50 college and university presidents offering help, including a call from a secular university in Russia." Lee University sent a crew from their maintenance staff to help in cleaning out the building. After finishing they stopped at a Dayton restaurant for supper, and the restaurant would not accept pay for their meal. On Wednesday, Dr. Paul Conn, president of Lee University, came to Bryan with a check for \$10,000



from their general fund and \$3200 from the students from Lee.

The school year was a fruitful one with many great surprises. Joie Stone, a student during the fire, expressed the feelings of most of the Bryan family when he said, "I know this situation will only bring about good here at Bryan. I feel that, as everyone has pulled together to make the best of this mess, this school has become more united as a body and even closer to God. I'm once again amazed by the awesome power of God and how he uses the ugliest of situations to create beautiful outcomes."

*By Dr. Bob Simpson,
Professor of Mathematics*

Memory & Honor Gifts

In Honor Of

Vern and Helen Archer
Raymond Holmes

John Bartlett
Jean Tobelmann

Constance M. Boeddeker
Daniel Boeddeker

Christina (Day) Calvert
David and Rosemary Day

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David and Rosemary Day

Bob and Nan Coddington
William and Margie Richards

Megan Harris
Dave Byerley

Stephen D. Livesay
Kevin and Marcia Clauson

Stephen D. and Corinne Livesay
Ray and Margie Legg
Rick and Rowana Taphorn

L. Jake Matthes
G. Michael and Kimberly Smith

In Memory Of

Ruth Bartlett
Donald and Evelyn Freeland
Raymond Holmes
Jean Tobelmann

Clyde Boeddeker
Daniel Boeddeker

Martha Wiggans Campbell
Paul and Winnie Ardelean
Grace Bible Church
Paul and Mary Marsteller

Carl and Evelyn Cline
Carl "Skip" Cline

Richard Cornelius
Dirk and Karen Hoffman
Stephen and Cheryl Little
James and Susan Woychuk

Steve Goehring
Bruce and Naomi Pauley

James Greasby
Raymond Holmes
Celia Dixon Wipf

Michelle Zielinski Green
Ray and Corrynne Clements

Malcolm J. Hester
Daniel Boeddeker

Shirley Holmes
Raymond Holmes

Rebecca Peck Hoyt
Paul and Winnie Ardelean
Ronnie and Tracey Bridwell
Stefon and Alice Gray
Russell and Mary Kaufman
Timothy Nguy
Steve and Jennifer Snyder
Jack and Karin Traylor

Bill Joyner
Tom and Mary Frances Carlson
Jack and Karin Traylor

Ruth Kantzer
James and Susan Woychuk

Lane Latimer
Bob and Nan Coddington
Wayne and Diane Cropp

Dorothy Lestmann
Paul and Winnie Ardelean

Theodore and Alice Mercer
Donald and Evelyn Freeland

Rachel Morgan
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T. Ramon Perdue
Paul and Delana Bice
Bob and Nan Coddington
Dr. and Mrs. David Conner
Wayne and Diane Cropp
Ralph and Ruth Green
Barry and Laure Whitney

Charles and Anna Robinson
David and Charlotte McSpadden

Tom Russell
Bruce and Naomi Pauley

George Ryder
Tom and Mary Frances Carlson
David and Sigrid Luther
Marilyn Schnaiter
Bob and Maxine Vincent

Hyla Snider
William and Debrah Katip

Barbara Tanis Snyder
Steve and Jennifer Snyder

Elizabeth Boeddeker Sullivan
Constance Boeddeker
Daniel Boeddeker
Timothy Boeddeker

Rev. and Mrs. W.A. Venable, Jr.
William Venable III

Vivian McBride Walvatne
Craig and Stephanie Walvatne

Lavana Fuller Williams
Robert "Tex" Williams

David Yoder
Elmer R. Gibbs
Timothy and Karen Howard
Ricci and Jane Saeger
Jackie and Robbie Walls

An American flag is shown waving on a tall pole, set against a backdrop of trees with green and yellowing leaves. The flag is partially obscured by the branches of a tree in the foreground on the right. The scene is captured in a slightly soft, natural light.

With the Lord

Rebecca (Peck) Hoyt '40, of Dayton, Tenn., died Jan. 25, 2015.

Elaine Christy Vanderlip '48, of Willow Street, Pa., died June 16, 2014.

Lois Weyhe '48, of Batavia, Ill., died Nov. 10, 2014

Clifford O. Martin '51x, of Elkhart, Ind., died Dec. 5, 2014.

Allen Jewett '52, former dean of students and basketball coach, of Ten Mile, Tenn., died Feb. 22, 2015.

Carrie Frances Henderson Price '53x, of Spring City, Tenn., died Nov. 28, 2014.

Robert "Bob" Norris '54, former trustee, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died Nov. 29, 2014.

Thomas V. Taylor '54, of Dublin, Pa., died Jan. 17, 2015.

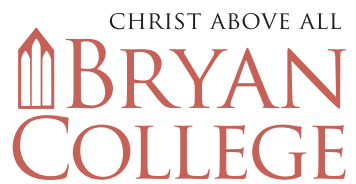
Martha Wiggans Campbell '55, of Glendale, Ariz., died Sept. 18, 2014.

Arthur E. McManus '56, of Deland, Fla., died Dec. 7, 2014.

Robert Leo Prevou '89x, of Hixson, Tenn., died Nov. 28, 2014.

Gerald Woughter '97H, of Macomb, Mich., died Dec. 30, 2014.

T. Ramon Perdue, former board chairman, of Lookout Mountain, Ga., died Dec. 17, 2014.



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